

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 6, 7, 12-15, and 19-22 are pending. Applicants cancel claims 6 and 7. Claims 12, 14, 19, and 21 are amended to be in independent form. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 12-15 and 19-22 will remain for consideration.

II. Response to the Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Lynch in view of Rieser

Applicants note the rejection of claims 6 and 7 as being unpatentable over Lynch et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,759,361) in view of Rieser et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,698,758). Applicants have shown (Table 1) a remarkable increase in activity and improvement in comonomer incorporation by using aluminum phosphate versus other support materials. This is a surprising result not suggested by the combined references. However, in the interest of having the Examiner expeditiously pass the case to issue, Applicants cancel claims 6 and 7.

III. Response to the Objection

The Examiner objects to claims 12-15 and 19-22 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants thank the Examiner for his helpful suggestion to rewrite the claims in independent form, incorporating all the limitations of the base claim. In this response, Applicants amend claims 12 and 14 to be in independent form and to include the limitations of claim 6 and amend claims 19 and 21 to be in independent form and include the limitations of claim 7.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the amendment and remarks above, Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to withdraw the objection and pass the case to issue. Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone their attorney at (610) 359-2276 if he believes that a discussion of the application might be helpful.

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